## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A data manager apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:
- a receiver configured to receive a command from a data client over a network connection;
- a processor configured to process the command; and
  - a transmitter configured to send a response to the data client.
- 2. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to keep the network connection alive.
- 3. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to keep the network connection closed.
- 4. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide 2 a list of data types.
- 5. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide information on a version of a protocol.
- 6. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to register a new data client.
- 7. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to unregister a data client.
- 8. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide 2 a buffered data.
- 9. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to stop logging data.
- 10. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to start logging data.

- 11. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide status of the data manager.
- 12. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein the providing the status includesproviding an address of the data manager in the network.
- 13. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein the providing the status includes indicating availability of the data manager.
- 14. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein the providing the status includes providing a data-delivery type.
- 15. The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein the data delivery type includes 2 streamed data-delivery type.
- 16. The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein the data delivery type includes buffered data-delivery type.
- 17. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide time in the data manager.
- 18. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide unit information of a data.
- 19. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide 2 an error condition.
- 20. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to accept the command.
- 21. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to decline the command.
  - 22. A data client apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:

- a processor to generate a command;
  - a transmitter configured to send the command to a data manager over a
- 4 network connection; and
  - a receiver configured to receive a response from the data manager.
- 23. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for keeping the network connection alive.
- 24. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for keeping the network connection closed.
- 25. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for a list of data types.
- 26. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for a version of a protocol.
- 27. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command to register a new data client.
- 28. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command to unregister a data client.
- 29. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for providing a buffered data.
- 30. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for stopping logging data.
- 31. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for starting logging data.
- 32. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for providing status of the data manager.

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- 33. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for providing time in the data manager.
- 34. The apparatus of Claim 22 wherein the processor is configured to generate a command for providing unit information of a data.
- 35. A method for logging data in a network including a data client and a data 2 manager, comprising:

sending a command from the data client to the data manger over a network connection;

processing the command by the data manager; and

- sending a response to the command from the data manager to the data client.
- 36. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting the network connection be kept alive.
- 37. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting the network connection be kept closed.
- 38. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting a list of data types.
- 39. The method of Claim 38 wherein the sending the response includes providing the list of data types.
- 40. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting information on a version of a protocol.
- 41. The method of Claim 40 wherein the sending the response includes providing the version of the protocol.

- 42. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes registering a new data client.
- 43. The method of Claim 42 wherein the sending the command includes providing an address for the new client.
- 44. The method of Claim 42 wherein the sending the command includes providing a data type for the new client.
- 45. The method of Claim 42 wherein the sending the command includes providing a data delivery type for the new client.
- 46. The method of Claim 45 wherein the data delivery includes streamed data delivery type.
- 47. The method of Claim 45 wherein the data delivery type includes buffered data delivery type.
- 48. The method of Claim 42 wherein the sending the command includes providing a data format for the new client.
- 49. The method of Claim 42 wherein the sending the command includes providing a data-sampling rate for the new client.
- 50. The method of Claim 42 wherein the sending the command includes providing a condition for logging data to the new client.
- 51. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting a data client to be unregistered.
- 52. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting a buffered data.

- 53. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting to stop logging data.
- 54. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting to start logging data.
- 55. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting status of the data manager.
- 56. The method of Claim 55 wherein the sending the response includes sending an address of the data manager in the network.
- 57. The method of Claim 55 wherein the sending the response includes indicating availability of the data manager.
- 58. The method of Claim 55 wherein the sending the response includes indicating a data delivery type.
- 59. The method of Claim 58 wherein the data-delivery type includes streamed data-delivery type.
- 60. The method of Claim 58 wherein the data-delivery type includes buffered data-delivery type.
- 61. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting time in the data manager.
- 62. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the command includes requesting unit information of a data.
- 63. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the response includes indicating an error condition.

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- 64. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the response includes indicating acceptance of the command.
- 65. The method of Claim 35 wherein the sending the response includes indicating declining the command.
- 66. An apparatus for logging data in a network including a data client and a data manager, comprising:

means for sending a command from the data client to the data manger over a network connection;

means for processing the command by the data manager; and

6 means for sending a response to the command from the data manager to the data client.

67. A computer readable medium embodying a method for logging data in a network including a data client and a data manager, the method comprising:

sending a command from the data client to the data manger over a network connection;

processing the command by the data manager; and

- sending a response to the command from the data manager to the data client.
- 68. An apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:
- a memory unit; and

a digital signal processing (DSP) unit communicatively coupled to the memory unit, the DSP unit being capable of:

sending a command from a data client to a data manger over a network connection;

processing the command; and

- sending a response to the command to the data client.
  - 69. A method for logging data in a data client, comprising:
- sending a command from the data client to a data manger over a network connection; and

- 4 receiving a response to the command from the data manager.
  - 70. An apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:
- 2 means for sending a command to a data manger over a network connection; and
- 4 means for receiving a response to the command from the data manager.
- 71. A computer readable medium embodying a method for logging data in a data client, the method comprising:

sending a command from the data client to a data manger over a network connection; and

receiving a response to the command from the data manager.

- 72. An apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:
- 2 a memory unit; and
  - a digital signal processing (DSP) unit communicatively coupled to the
- 4 memory unit, the DSP unit being capable of:

sending a command from the data client to a data manger over a network

6 connection; and

receiving a response to the command from the data manager.

- 73. A method for logging data in a network, comprising:
- receiving a command from a data client over a network connection; processing the command; and
- 4 sending a response to the data client.
- 74. A computer readable medium embodying a method for logging data in a network, the method comprising:

receiving a command from a data client over a network connection;

- 4 processing the command; and
  - sending a response to the data client.
  - 75. An apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:

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- 2 means for receiving a command from a data client over a network connection;
- means for processing the command; and
  means for sending a response to the data client.
  - 76. An apparatus for logging data in a network, comprising:
- a memory unit; and
  - a digital signal processing (DSP) unit communicatively coupled to the
- 4 memory unit, the DSP unit being capable of:

receiving a command from a data client over a network connection;

6 processing the command; and sending a response to the data client.